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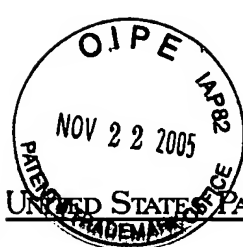
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Title

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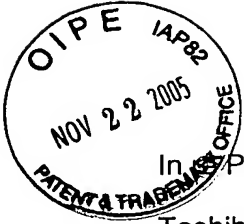
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- ☒ Claims (claims(s) 1 - 4 , 2 pgs.)
- ☒ Drawings (Fig(s). 1 - 15 , 14 pgs.)
- ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly amend the application as follows.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

"STEERING DEVICE OF APPARATUS FOR A VEHICLE"

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A steering apparatus for a vehicle, applied to a vehicle which has braking force control means for applying braking force to a predetermined wheel in accordance with motion condition of the vehicle so as to generate a yawing moment for stabilizing the motion condition of the vehicle, equipped with a steerable-wheel steering mechanism which changes the steering angle of steerable wheels of the vehicle in accordance with displacement of a steering member operated by a driver and which generates a quantity related to assist force for assisting the operation of the steering member in accordance with a quantity related to operating force applied to the steering member by the driver and on the basis of a predetermined characteristic, the steering apparatus comprising:

index value obtaining means for obtaining an excessive roll generating tendency index value indicating the degree of a tendency of the vehicle to roll excessively; and

steering characteristic changing means for changing the predetermined characteristic in such a manner that the assist force for a certain operating force applied to the steering member decreases with increase of the degree of the tendency of the vehicle to roll excessively indicated by the obtained excessive roll generating tendency index value.

2. (Original) A steering apparatus for a vehicle, applied to a vehicle which has braking force control means for applying braking force to a predetermined wheel in accordance with motion condition of the vehicle so as to generate a yawing moment for

stabilizing the motion condition of the vehicle, equipped with a steerable-wheel steering mechanism which changes the steering angle of steerable wheels of the vehicle in accordance with position of a steering member operated by a driver and on the basis of a predetermined characteristic, the steering apparatus comprising:

index value obtaining means for obtaining an excessive roll generating tendency index value indicating the degree of a tendency of the vehicle to roll excessively; and

steering characteristic changing means for changing the predetermined characteristic in such a manner that the steering angle of steerable wheels for a certain position of the steering member decreases with increase of the degree of the tendency of the vehicle to roll excessively indicated by the obtained excessive roll generating tendency index value.

3. (Currently Amended) A steering apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the excessive roll generating tendency index value is a value based on at least one of lateral acceleration, which is a component of acceleration acting on the vehicle in a vehicle-body lateral direction, roll angle of the vehicle, and operating speed of the steering member.

4. (New) A steering apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the excessive roll generating tendency index value is a value based on at least one of lateral acceleration, which is a component of acceleration acting on the vehicle in a vehicle-body lateral direction, roll angle of the vehicle, and operating speed of the steering member.

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. Claims 1 and 2 have been transmitted by the Amended Sheets under Article 19(1) (Rule 46), claim 3 has been amended to delete the multiple dependency and new claim 4 has been added. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title, and the claims.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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